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## A Ruined City.

COLLEGEVILLE, July 15, '89.  
FRIEND MOSER:—Resuming my journey, I shall leave Moxham by turning back, passing along on the west of Johnstown, directly through Cambria city, and southwesterly to Morellville. This latter named borough will be my final and concluding point.

Moxham being a new place, only started within the last five years, is making very rapid progress throughout. It has already quite a number of beautiful and substantial residences; contains one hotel run on temperance principles; also possesses a splendid and extensive park, which is every night well illuminated by natural gas light. This place comprises many acres of ground, all of which is owned by Mr. Moxham, who is also the founder of the borough. Quite extensive iron works are located here, an electric light plant, as well as numerous minor branches of business, which are all owned by the same individual. Mr. Moxham is of English descent, a gentleman of kind, amiable, and charitable disposition, well adapted for the position he occupies in public life, and in all cases the real and right man in the right place. The borough of Moxham being located on quite an extensive and level plain, elevated about 30 or 35 feet above the level of Johnstown, caused the onward flow of the madly rushing body of water to spread and lose its power. Not being content with the overwhelming havoc, destruction of property and loss of life it caused during its onward flow, without a moment's tarrying it formed its ebb, rushed back on its mad career, claiming more victims as it again passed through the remaining portion of Johnstown, leaving on this the returning flow its worst path of destruction on the west side of the city through the 5th and 6th wards of Kernville, 1st and 2d wards of Johnstown, and thence on to the Stone Bridge. Moxham borough's losses were very trifling, as the water had spent and lost its power before reaching it. On the receding or backward flow it was when Rev. W. H. Bates' residence, which was a large, double house, was swept away. The first or onward flow did not move it off its foundation, but on the return a portion of a skating rink struck the house, moved it off and wrecked it beyond repair. Between the 6th ward of Kernville and the Pennsylvania railroad company's stone bridge I shall leave a vacuum, as this space, covering one mile in length, is in the same plight as the eastern side; which, the same as stated before, is beyond my ability to describe. Having now reached the Drift and Stone Bridge, which were the central points of horror, to which I can add nothing more than what has already been described, I shall move on, cross over the bridge to the Cambria Iron Works. Leaving the first ward of Millville to our left (by facing west) and passing on by the Cambria Iron Works, the distance of nearly half a mile, we then reach the second ward of Millville (more commonly known as Minersville.) This ward did not suffer of any consequence, as it lies elevated where the water could not do it much harm. Between these two wards are located the Cambria Iron Works, which in itself is an immense plant. The loss of life here amongst the company's employees was quite extensive; also the loss of property belonging to the Cambria Iron Company, which, in order to have it replaced, will cost many thousands of dollars. It was really astonishing to observe how speedily this Cambria Iron Company had its wrecked property repaired and placed into renewed, working order. I shall now turn direct west, cross over to the west side of Stony Creek, and enter Cambria city. This borough contains two wards; it suffered terrible, both in loss of life and property; the greater part of the borough was washed or swept away. In appearance, to-day, the site where the town stood looks more like a barren, isolated island, covered with rocks, cinder, gravel and sand, than having been the foundation and resting place of a once busy and densely inhabited borough. A journey onward of three-fourths of a mile due west from Cambria city brings us into the borough of Morellville. This borough suffered very little in comparison to its sister boroughs; but four of its inhabitants perished in the flood, and not such an extensive amount of property was destroyed. Still the effects of the

flood's doings were only too veritably visible here by the gathering together of numerous bodies, sixty-five of whom were collected in a few hours' time and placed in rows on the floor of the bar-room in the most prominent hotel in the borough. Beyond this town there was no more loss of life, nor great loss of property. As my time and attention from now on will have to be devoted to another purpose, I shall be obliged to make this my last communication; as well as being brief all through. I shall now close.

Yours truly,  
S. S. AUGER.

## HIS OWN PROPERTY.

"For green leaf and blossoms, and fine sunny weather,  
And singing, and loving, all come back together!  
For green leaf and blossom—Oh!"

The "Oh!" was in quite a different key, and did not seem to harmonize with the rest of the song. Ellie Fairfax was equally surprised and disgusted to find that she had an unexpected auditor, a young man, who stood in the middle of the path, with an amused smile on his face that was quickly supplanted by a decorously grave expression as he saw that he had attracted her attention.

"I beg your pardon," he said, lifting his hat, "but I have completely lost myself in these woods. Can you tell me if there is any possible way of getting out of them? I begin to think that I have been bewitched."

He was rather a good looking young man, dark and slight, with a spruce neat air that exasperated Ellie, who was instantly conscious of having come primrosing, with the boys, in her oldest clothes.

Nevertheless, she was a young person of dignity and decision, as behoves the only and elder sister of a large family of boys, so, despite her perilous position among encumbering hazel boughs, she drew herself up and answered severely:

"I suppose you are aware that these woods are private property, and that you are trespassing?"

"Really, I am extremely sorry if I have trespassed on your property," said the stranger.

His air of extreme regret somewhat mollified Ellie, who answered in a less forbidding manner:

"Oh, it is not ours, but we have leave to come here while the owner is abroad." Therewith she emerged slowly from the clinging bushes, and arrived on the path a little disheveled, being more intent on preserving her primroses than her raiment. In spite of her old winter gown and her general untidiness, she was a very pretty girl as she stood in the broad green ride with the warm spring sunshine falling on her through the leafless trees, and bringing out the gold tints in her abundant brown hair.

"I am afraid I can't direct you, for you would only lose your way," she said, looking up to the stranger with her frank gray eyes. "But we are just going home, and can take you as far as the gate, if you like."

He accepted the offer with alacrity, and Ellie, turning from him, made the woods ring with shouts of "Boys! Boys!" that brought her brothers scurrying out of the underwood like rabbits in all directions.

"This gentleman has lost himself in the woods, and I undertook to show him the way out," she said confidently to the eldest boy, Bob, as he came up exhibiting evident surprise at finding her with a companion.

"The owner must be very good-natured to let you plunder his woods like this," the stranger remarked, with an amused smile, as the party set forth, laden with flowers and roots.

"Mr. Hayes has nothing to do with it," returned Bob promptly. "When he comes back I expect we shall be turned out, so we are making a new fernery and getting roots for the garden as fast as we can."

The young man's amused laugh at the ingenious explanation made Ellie feel a little guilty.

"I don't think we do any harm really," she said. "And this is our first spring in the country, so that we can't help going mad over the flowers and accumulating them wholesale."

The stranger assured her that he was certain that they were doing no harm and entered warmly into the plans for the new fernery. The boys clustered

around him, telling him their plans and adventures, won by his frank interest and amusement. Ellie walked on in front, enjoying the beauty of the woods in their spring dress and listening idly to eager voices behind her. She could not help liking any one who got on so well with the boys, and by the time they reached the gate she felt quite friendly toward the intruder.

"We part here, I suppose," she said, facing round as they entered the meadow beyond the woods. "That path to the left leads to the village. But I should recommend you not to trespass here again or you may get hopelessly lost."

"I will take care in the future; I am much obliged to you," said the young man, gravely.

But he stood watching, with a look half amused, half admiring, as Ellie moved onward, a tall, lithe young figure amid her body guard of boys.

"What a jolly chap! I wonder if he lives near here?" said Jim, as he slipped a grubby paw into his sister's arm.

"Yes, he does; so I asked him to come and help us with the fernery, and he said he would," said Bob.

"Oh, Bob! You didn't!" cried Ellie. "Yes, I did. I expect he is one of the Taylors from High Cliff, and Mrs. Morrison said they meant to call," said Bob, unabashed.

Ellie was completely overcome. One of Lady Laura Taylor's sons, and she was absolutely not fit to be seen!

It was, perhaps, as a readjustment of the balance that she arrayed herself in her new covert-coat and most becoming hat to go down to the vicarage that afternoon. As she walked into the drawing-room, with head held very high, Mrs. Morrison thought once more what a very distinguished-looking girl Miss Fairfax was.

They were very busy over Sunday-school reports when the maid opened the door and announced, "Mr. Hayes." Ellie looked up. She was curious to see the absentee owner of Woodleigh Court, particularly as his arrival was so unexpected. What was her horror to see the stranger of the morning calmly advancing, with the self-same amused smile on his face! The memory of her stern rebuke of trespass faded across her, and she wished herself under the floor.

"Bernard, my dear boy!" cried Mrs. Morrison, holding out both hands. "This is a pleasant surprise."

"I came earlier than I was expected after my usual habit, you see," he said, returning her greeting with warmth.

"How delightful of you! Let me introduce you to Miss Fairfax."

Ellie bowed stiffly. Mr. Hayes was equal to the occasion. "I think we met this morning," he said, holding out his hand affably; but the twinkle in his eye was an insult to Ellie's feelings.

"I am afraid I behaved very badly this morning, but I was so charmed by your defense of my interests that I hadn't the heart to undeceive you," he went on penitently. "Besides, I really am a stranger here, and my own words are a mystery to me. The Court has been let till within the last year or two, and I have spent so much of my life abroad that Woodleigh has never been my home till now."

"I am afraid I behaved very badly; I am sure I must have been very rude," she said apologetically. "And there is nothing so irritating as to detect oneself in such a silly blunder," and she looked up laughing, though she could not restrain a faint blush at the memory of her unlucky speech.

"It was all my fault," he said, eagerly. He was really quite handsome when those dark eyes lit up. "It was quite too foolish of me! I hope you will continue to wander and steal in the woods to show that you bear no malice; and may I come and help Bob with his fernery?"

"Oh, certainly, if it won't bore you to death. I am sure my mother will be very happy to see you," said Ellie, smiling.

"Who is Miss Fairfax? It is quite a new name to me," he asked of the vicarage, when Ellie had taken her departure.

"Mrs. Fairfax is an officer's widow who has taken the Lawn. Ellie is a nice girl, but her brothers are rather overpowering. I advise you beware of them," said wily Mrs. Morrison.

Of course, he did not take her advice, quite the contrary. He called at the Lawn next day, and toiled the greater part of the afternoon over rocks and fern roots, to the great delight of the

boys. After that he became indispensable to their amusement. He played cricket with them, fished and boated with them, and joined all their expeditions.

Ellie was deeply grateful to him, for the boys were always safe with him, and they were at times rather a care to her. Bob, in particular, had arrived at that age when boys think that nothing that a woman says can possibly be right if it differs from their own opinion, and it was a great comfort to her to find her own ideas upheld by Bernard Hayes' authority and influence.

One fine morning it occurred to Bernard that it would be an excellent thing if he were to give a large garden party, as a return for the hospitality lavished on him by the neighborhood. Of course the plan must be discussed at the Vicarage, and so he took his hat and went off to see what would be said to it.

Half-way down the quaint village street he met Ellie strolling along in a slow, quiet way, very unlike her usual brisk pace. She was not alone. By her side loitered a young man with a fair bushy beard, whose air and gait spoke unmistakably the sailor. She had a dejected look, and Bernard's practiced glance noticed at once that she was dressed in a careless, negligent way, as though her appearance was beneath consideration.

She looked across the road, and smiled and nodded at him, and half hesitated, as though expecting him to come over and join her. But for once Bernard was blind to the unspoken invitation. Her smile struck him as forced, and there was a sudden look of curiosity on her companion's face that annoyed him. He merely bowed and hurried on to the Vicarage.

Mrs. Morrison was tying up carnations in the garden and he joined her there.

"Have you seen Miss Fairfax this morning?" he asked, after a casual good morning and a remark or two about the flowers.

"Yes, I saw her go by just now."

"Who is that with her?"

Mrs. Morrison was silent a moment; then she said quietly: "The man she is engaged to."

"How do you know she is engaged?" cried Bernard, fiercely.

"Strangely enough. I heard it in the train yesterday. It seems to be a secret, but I wish I had known of it before."

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give it up for her lover drove him to church again.

From his lonely seat of state in the chancel he would watch the young couple in their distant pew. There they sat side by side, apparently content. He watched them all through the service, and when he saw the sailor deliberately shut his hymn-book in order to share her's it was confirmation of his worst fears.

He did not blame Ellie; he was too loyal for that. Of course, knowing herself engaged, she had accepted his attention unthinkingly, and now she had awakened to the bitter truth too late.

Service over he joined the stream of people that issued slowly from the church, Ellie lingering in the porch, being wrapped securely from the storm by her lover.

"That's all right, Nell," he said cheerily. "Now take my arm and hang on tight; we shall do well enough under one umbrella."

"Nell!" Then he had his own name for her. That destroyed the last vestige of hope, and Bernard Hayes sought his way slowly home, feeling a sort of relief in his strife with the raging wind.

To-morrow he would leave Woodleigh. He could not stay to see Ellie look like that any longer. Her white sad face seemed to haunt him; he would go away and forget it.

The next day he took a walk through the woods where Ellie had so sternly rebuked him, and which he had since learned to know well, under her guidance. His thoughts were full of her as he loitered under the arching boughs, and as he turned the corner of a long green ride he came face to face with Ellie herself.

She could not help the glad surprise that shone swiftly in her eyes, nor the smile that lit up her whole face. Both were gone in an instant, but he had seen them.

"I did not know that you were here," she said.

"I am only here for a last walk," he said. "I am starting for Norway in a day or two."

"Oh, indeed!" Her disappointment found expression in her voice, despite her care.

Bernard was desperate; he must know the truth at all costs. Man-like, he went clumsily, and even cruelly to work.

"I am glad to see you before I go; I wish to congratulate you," he said abruptly.

"To congratulate me! On what?"

"On your engagement to Mr. Langley."

It was out now, and he should know the worst.

Ellie turned on him imperiously; a sudden flash of instinct told her all.

"Who told you that I was engaged to George Langley?" she demanded.

"Mrs. Morrison," he said, and he detailed the remarks she had overheard.

"If she had listened to the end of that conversation she would have heard the answer. 'Never!'" cried Ellie indignantly. "I knew that there were two old Kensington friends of ours in that train, for George saw them and told me. One is an inveterate gossip and match-maker; the other knows us well and would have contradicted such a foolish report at once."

"Then you are not engaged to him?" cried Bernard, eagerly.

"No, nor never shall be. He is my cousin, and we have been like brother and sister all our lives, but we could never care for each other in any other way." Ellie's tone betrayed her wounded feeling.

"Ellie, my darling, what a fool I have been! I thought you were engaged to him, and I was going away because I could not bear to see you and know that you could never be mine. It is I who have blundered this time. Can you ever forgive me?"

Her hands were held in his, his eyes were looking into hers. On the very spot where first they met, Ellie looked up slyly, blushing, and whispered, "Yes."

"I never should have thought that you would have believed such a thing," she said, with a little reproachful accent on the "you" that went to her lover's heart.

"I must have been mad, I think," he answered. "But I could not distrust what seemed the evidence of my own eyes."

"I thought you knew all about George," she said. "He is an orphan, and his home was always with us. He

was at home on leave, and we hoped would have been with us all the summer, but he came down suddenly to say that he had been ordered off to Australia for five years, and had only three days to say good-bye in."

"But you looked so miserable; how could I tell that you were only parting with a cousin?"

"He has been a brother to me all my life, and we were always fond of each other that several of our friends used to call him my sweetheart. Poor George! he is so tenderhearted, too, and could not bear leaving us. Beside—"

"Resides what?" he asked, as she paused.

Besides, you never came near us for three days, and I could not think what was the matter," owned Ellie, softly.

"I thought I had no right to come near you," but he held her close now.

"I think you have been very unlucky," she said, smiling, "or very much ill-used. This is the second time you have been warned off your own property!"—*Cassell's*.

## Caterpillars Occupy a Railway.

A correspondent of the New York World gives an amusing account of trouble recently experienced on a new section of railway in Maine, between Seboto and Brownville.

The advance guard was seen by a railroad timekeeper as he rode over the line on his velocipede the night before. He encountered a lot of small gray caterpillars which had spread themselves over the track so thickly that he had to push his machine along by hand for half a mile. A big engine and eleven flat cars, loaded with 1,500 ship knees the Canadian Pacific's first train for business, started from Seboto for Brownville on the morning of May 19. It had gone but a few miles when it ran into a sticky, squirming mass, which the locomotive wheels ground to a greasy pulp that clogged the driving wheels and prevented them from getting any grip on the track. It was as if wheels and rails had been thoroughly larded. The train came to a standstill, and the conductor and engineer made an investigation.

"Pooh!" said the engineer, "bugs!" "Ha, ha," laughed the conductor, derisively.

They jumped aboard after a little scraping and tried to start again, but it was no use. The "bugs" were too much for them. As far as the eye could reach, the little caterpillars were in complete possession of the track. The Canadian Pacific was turned into two lines of gray wriggle. The train was in the midst of the woods.

"Cut bushes and try to sweep them off," said the conductor to the train men. All hands tried it, but the bushes crushed the pulpy mass and only smeared the track worse than ever. Sand was then sprinkled on the rails. This enabled the engine to start, but the caterpillars soon greased the rails again and the train halted. A messenger was dispatched to the Seboto station, and the situation telegraphed to the manager of the road. He sent an extra locomotive and a crew of helpers to the assistance of the beleaguered train. With a force of men scraping and sanding, with an engine to pull and another to push, the train crept through the woods at a snail's pace.

And now, queerly enough, a new enemy rallied to the support of the caterpillars. A vast horde of large and ferocious mosquitoes came out of the depths of the forest and assailed the motley crew of railroad men, showing no national predilections, but drawing blood from Poles, Frenchmen, Russians and Irishmen alike. Even a bishop would have smiled to see the crowd fighting mosquitoes with one hand and caterpillars with the other, all the time swearing in at least five different languages! Supt. Van Zile issued the orders, and charges after charges were made at the steep grades lubricated with squeezed caterpillars. All day long and after the sun had gone down the locomotives and men toiled to drag that train from Seboto to Brownville. The myriads of caterpillars covered the rails for eleven miles. When the train reached its destination at last it bore the most exhausted and disgusted crew ever seen outside of a blizzard.

A French Soldier's Cat.

During the Crimean war a little cat, reared in his mother's cottage, followed a young French soldier when he left

his native village. The lad's heart clung to this small dumb member of his family, and he gave pussy a seat on his knapsack by day on the march and a corner of his couch at night. She took her meals on her master's knee and was a general pet in the company. On the morning that his regiment was first ordered into action, the soldier bade his little cat farewell and left her in charge of a sick comrade. He had marched about a mile from the camp when what was his surprise to see Miss Puss running beside him. He lifted her up on her usual seat, and soon the engagement commenced. Twice did the soldier fall, but the cat clung fast hold. At last a severe wound stretched him bleeding on the field. No sooner did pussy catch sight of the blood flowing from her master than she seated herself upon his body and began to lick his wound in the most assiduous manner. Thus she remained for some hours till the surgeon came to the young lad, and had him carried off to the tent of the wounded. When he recovered consciousness, his first question was "Shall I live?" "Yes, my good fellow," was the surgeon's answer, "thanks to your little cat; for if she had not used her tongue so intelligently you would have been too exhausted by the loss of blood to recover." You may be sure that pussy was well cared for, and, contrary to all regulations, she was allowed to accompany the young soldier to the hospital where she was regaled with the choicest morsels from his plate, and became a very distinguished character.—*Picayune*.

## Chinese Wine-Making.

Wine-making is said to have existed in China for thousands of years before the introduction of distilling. The process is simple. Glutinous rice, or hwan-mi, is placed over a fire in a large iron pan and softened with warm water. It is made into a thick, solid sort of a gruel. This steeped rice is placed on a table with raised edges to prevent the fluid from overflowing. Over the rice, when in this state, the leaven to aid fermentation is sprinkled. The whole is then mixed and mased with an iron masher, and remains in a large stoneware jar for several days. If the wine is desired to be of sweet taste, two days are enough; but for wine without sweet taste four or five days are required. To make the second kind of wine stronger, the Chinese brewer often adds spirit. After all this the wine, solid and liquid parts together, is placed in a cloth bag, and this goes into a pressing chest of wood, called cha, the wine press. A heavy stone presses it down and the wine flows out from a sort of teapot spout in the side of the press. The remainder of the solid matter is called tsan, and is used to feed animals or as a ferment. The method of distilling was introduced in the Yuen dynasty. To the wooden cylinder which holds the millet there are three covers. The outer and upper one contains cold water and keeps the second one cool to condense the spirit. The spirit rises from the softened red millet below, which has been under manipulation for several days, and passes through the first cover to the second. It here becomes condensed and flows down the sides to a triangular trough which receives it and delivers it from a spout.

Williams and Morrison's Dictionary and Legge's Classics seem to have been compiled with the impression that the Chinese practiced distillation in ancient times. This is an error. The Chinese only knew the ordinary process of fermentation.—*Chinese Recorder*.

## Consolation for Missionaries.

Mr. Jason—"A nice fool you made of yourself at that sociable last night!"

Mrs. Jason—"Me? How?"

Mr. Jason—"Yes you. Telling Mrs. Chally that her baby looked good enough to eat."

Mrs. Jason—"Well, what's the matter with that?"

Mr. Jason—"Oh, nothing, only you know that they start as missionaries to the Canibal Islands next week."—*Terre Haute Express*.

## A New Version for Boston.

Boston Mother (shocked)—I am surprised, Waldo, that you should make use of such an expression as "Let her go, Gallagher!"

Waldo—What ought I say, mamma—permit her to depart, Mr. Gallagher?



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COLLEGEVILLE, MONTG. CO., PA.  
*E. S. MOSER, Editor and Proprietor.*  
Thursday, July 25, 1889.

A DISPATCH from San Francisco, dated July 23, reads:—A recent fire at Lu Chow burned twenty-three hours destroying 87,000 dwellings. Over 1,200 persons perished in the flames and 400 others were killed. Nearly 170,000 people were obliged to camp without shelter and were dying at the rate of one hundred a day from want and exposure. The authorities are providing for their necessities.

THE fight for the Judgeship in Berks county does not tend to decrease the temperature of the dog days up in that region of red barns and yellow houses. Judge Hagenman, the President Judge of the Court, is a candidate for re-election, and his opponents are represented by several aspirants to his seat. A number of Berks county lawyers have signed a manifesto which strikes Judge Hagenman right and left, and occasionally below the belt. Judge Hagenman has had a big field all to himself for a long time past, yet upon the theory that "every dog has his day" it may be presumed that the Judge's day is waning.

TRUSTS and combinations are increasing in number and influence. We mean there is a marked disposition, of late years, among capitalists to form syndicates or combinations for the direct purpose of controlling and determining the price of various products of factory, forest, field and mine. In most instances the real necessities of life are involved, and the exorbitant prices paid by the multitude are often due to the greed, avarice, and caprice of the capitalists who, with millions in their coffers, are grasping for millions more. It cannot be denied that all such combinations tend to effect an unstable as well as unsafe condition of affairs, for the legitimate channels of trade and business can only be regulated by the legitimate and natural methods incident to simple production and consumption, subject of course to that normal competition which has to do with all the affairs of humanity. Mammoth combinations with unlimited capital, which have for their main purpose the acquirement of inordinate wealth at the expense of the many, tend, and will ever tend, to still further impoverish the poor, and make the rich richer. This state of affairs bodes only evil for society.

WASHINGTON, July 19, 1889.—President Harrison returned from Deer Park Wednesday and will probably go back to the hill top Saturday, for a long vacation. Even the few days' visit from which he has returned seems to have immensely benefited him, bringing a bronze tinge to his generally pallid face. During the two or three weeks vacation which he will take, any necessary business will be transacted at Deer Park. It has not been decided whether or not official announcements of matters decided upon by the Pres-

"Pretty child; what's the boy's name?" I asked the father, carelessly. "Grover," he replies, "Just Grover; no middle name," I inquired, "No middle name" puts in the mother, "Only Grover, it is an old family name, my grandfather Baker's name."

I knew her grandfather Baker and his name was Cyrus, though he was not great. And I remember, also, when the child was baptized during the opening of the last administration, and the name on the church register is "Grover Cleveland S. . . ." The Bible teaches that no man can serve two masters, but in a humble way, many government clerks may be said to come very close to striking success in this direction.

From the Philadelphia Times.

Pension Commissioner Tanner has tackled the surplus with a degree of skill and energy which promises to dissipate it into less than nothing in a very few months. He began by "re-rating" Senator Manderson as a pensioner, and surprising him with a government check for nearly \$5,000. The Senator had been making pension laws for over six years, but he didn't even suspect that he was entitled to be "re-

had done it and sent him the money. Having "re-rated" a leading Senator and thus put a good big lump pension "where it would do the most good," Commissioner Tanner helped his confidential clerks to "re-rate" each other into enlarged pensions with big lump arrears, and now the anti-surplus machine is ready for a wholesale "re-rating" trade. True, Secretary Noble has intimated his doubts as to Commissioner Tanner's anti-surplus methods by dismissing his medical referee, but the increased pensions stand all the same. Of course, either the pension list, as a rule, must be "re-rated" and all pensions, doubled or trebled, or the "re-rating" of the pension officials must be "re-rated" back to the standard of the law. Which will it be?

"Emigration has got to stop. These fat Dutch are getting altogether too fly."

A new way to scatter a crowd has been discovered. A Washington man who found himself hemmed in by a dense throng recently, while a circus procession was passing, pulled a bottle of ammonia from his pocket and spilled the contents promiscuously about. He had the entire sidewalk to himself in less than a minute.

The largest organ in the world has just been constructed by a London firm for the Town Hall of Sydney, New South Wales, at a cost of \$75,000. The instrument has one hundred and twenty-six sounding stops and possesses the extraordinary novelty of a pedal reed stop of sixty-four feet sounding length. The wind supply is maintained by a gas engine of great power.

The most extraordinary will ever made was probated in Nashville, Tenn., last week. Mrs. Mary Ann Schaub, an aged German lady, died. She had surrounded herself by a number of dogs and cats and had accumulated property valued at about \$6,000, and this she leaves in trust for two of her favorite dogs. The animals are of the commonest breed. She provides that a sufficient sum shall be reserved from her personalities to maintain these dogs in comfort as long as they live, and especially orders one bed and clothing for their occupancy. A young lady whom she adopted some years ago is made secondary beneficiary upon the condition that she will live in the house and care for these dogs for a period of eight years.

An old German peasant arrived at Castle Garden one day last week whose experience is an example of how foreigners are duped by tales of Amer-

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## Providence Independent.

Thursday, July 25, 1890.

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It is the aim of the editor and publisher to make the "Independent" one of the best local and general newspapers in the county, or anywhere else, and to this end we invite correspondence from every section.

### PERKIOMEN RAILROAD.

We publish the following schedule gratuitously for the convenience of our readers.

Passenger trains leave Collegeville Station as follows:

FOR PHILADELPHIA AND POINTS SOUTH.

Milk	6.30 a. m.
Accommodation	8.03 a. m.
Market	1.10 p. m.
Accommodation	4.16 p. m.
FOR ALLENTOWN AND POINTS NORTH AND WEST.	
Milk	8.03 a. m.
Accommodation	9.11 a. m.
Market	3.20 p. m.
Accommodation	6.47 p. m.

SUNDAYS—SOUTH.

Milk	6.30 a. m.
Accommodation	8.42 p. m.

NORTH.

Accommodation	9.14 a. m.
Milk	5.48 p. m.

### Home Flashes and Stray Sparks

#### From Abroad.

No rain since Friday, and at this writing it is Tuesday afternoon. Rather strange, isn't it?

The farmers are busy harvesting the oats crop and hauling in hay.

And at twilight the mosquitoes chant their odes and present their bills. They take payment in human blood and are on collecting tours all night.

When Bro. Johnson of the North Wales Record is in just the right sort of humor he can make himself quite cute and cunning.

When editor Harley of the Harleysville News and editor Goettler of the Souderton Independent settle their present momentous differences, they should both repair to some neighboring fish pond and take a bath.

Editor Woodmansee of the Lansdale Reporter and one of the more or less distinguished local politicians of that place don't sit together at picnics and eat ice cream. Lansdale is hardly large enough for the twin, and it could hardly exist without either.

Read advertisement of the summer meeting at the Collegeville Driving Park in another column, and remember Saturday, August 3.

Thomas Sheridan, of this place, has been a sufferer for several weeks past from an attack of rheumatism. He is slowly recovering.

Watt & Co., the dentists are now located at 415 Swede street, Norristown opposite the Court house. Dr. Watt claims that his recent discovery enables him to perform all operations without pain. See adv.

Of course you will all remember the picnic of the Trinity Sunday school this place, in the Almshouse grove next Saturday. We trust the weather will be fair, and the attendance large.

Robert Moyer, Superintendent of repairs, Perkiomen railroad, is on the sick list and is confined at his home in the upper ward. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Now, boys, remember the summer meeting at the Park, and enter your trotters, pacers, and runners. Don't be afraid you can't beat Dollie M. Lots of 'em can do it, to be sure, and why not do it at the summer meeting?

The Hunsicker Company have had their large bread wagon repainted, varnished and lettered, and its appearance now is quite attractive. Mr. Valentine was the artist.

The Forest Camping Club, of Manayunk, will pitch its annual camp at Arcola, on the Perkiomen railroad, on August 3. The club visited the same locality last summer.

Pluro-pneumonia has broken out in the herd of a farmer in Uchelman township, Chester county. One of the cattle has been killed and four or five others are affected by the disease.

A man mean enough to steal the pennies from a dead man's eyes really exists in New Orleans, and was actually guilty of the theft at a wake in that city the other day.

An exchange says that one of the attractions at the county fairs next fall will be the "pigs in clover," with real pigs, and a prize will be given to the man who pens the pigs.

Samuel Davidheiser, of Upper Pottsgrove, in his eighty-seventh year and blind, has a remarkable set of natural teeth, from which but one is missing.

Mrs. Mary Roberts, 90 years old, died at Sharon, Pa., Monday morning. She was never inside a Post Office and never rode on a railroad train. She nursed General Hancock when he wore swaddling clothes.

Daniel Rogers has resigned as freight clerk at the Penna. depot, Spring City, and has been succeeded by James Fry, of Frick's Locks.

Norristown has an expert dog catcher lying for unuzzled canines found on the street of the county seat, and the inhabitants of the Hub are very happy. Most of them are.

'Twas but a month or two ago I thought we'd frozen be; And now I'd really like to plunge Into the Polar Sea.

'Twas but a week or two ago I said to young and old, "Pray do not lighten garments yet, The weather is too cold."

But now I sit and pant and puff, With palm-leaf fan in hand, A glass of ice-cold lemonade Beside me on a stand.

And as I quaff the cooling draught, I wipe my brow and cry, My friends, I would that you and I Could lay all clothing by."

—Roston Transcript.

Heat expands, consequently the hot weather of the dog days may be expected to expand the average candidate's boom.

The members of Augustus Lutheran church, in the kindness of their hearts, have presented their pastor, Rev. E. Kretschmann, with a horse, harness and buggy. Who wouldn't be a pastor?

A breakman named Richard Fox, of Philadelphia, was struck by an overhead bridge at Souderton on the North Penn road last Thursday and instantly killed.

It is thought that the idea of hatching partridges by incubation, conceived by the Montgomery County Game Association, will not prove a success. Four of the ten already hatched in this way have died.

Butcher J. W. Gotwals, of this place, is nursing a wounded great toe. The painful injury was caused by a large meat pulley falling and striking his foot.

The strange man killed on the Reading railroad near Merion station, Saturday, has been identified as William Kelley, of Phoenixville.

Rose Dyer, a domestic in the employ of Edward Conrad, at Port Kennedy, who was disappointed on account of the disappearance of her lover, took a dose of "Rough on Rats" on Sunday and died the day following.

The Strohl family, of Pottstown, will furnish music at the picnic of the Evangelical Sunday school, Limerick, on August 10.

Edward Nice, residing over near Tumble station, just over the river in New Jersey, is the owner of a cow that has given birth to eleven calves during the past four years. The first lot consisted of four fully developed calves all of which died at birth. In the second lot three were born, but it was found necessary to kill one to raise the other two. In the third lot two were born and raised, and a short time ago two more were born and are growing nicely. —Doylestown Democrat.

### Fifth Attack.

Jacob W. Gotwals, aged 79, who lives with his son-in-law, Frank U. Rosenberger, in Skippack township, is suffering at present with a fifth attack of paralysis. His entire right side is paralyzed and his recovery is not expected.

### Religious.

Divine services in Trinity church, this place, this coming Sabbath morning, the 28th inst., at 10 o'clock. The subject of the discourse will be "The Communion of Saints." At the conclusion of the church service, the pastor and congregation will repair to the Perkiomen, near Paist's mill, where the rite of baptism by trine immersion will be administered.

### About Red Ants.

I have found by experience, says the editor of an exchange, that little red ants cannot travel over wool or rag carpet. "I covered my floor with coarse baize, set my sofa on that, and have not been troubled since. Cover a shelf in your closet or pantry with flannel, set whatever you wish to keep from the ants on it, and they will at once disappear. I have tried it." Housekeepers who are annoyed by the visitations of ants should give the remedy quoted a trial.

### Will Move to Philadelphia.

H. B. Rahn, of Ironbridge will remove to Philadelphia, with his family, the latter part of next month, having sold his house and lot to Mahlon Wanner upon private terms. Saturday August 17, he will sell a portion of his personal property at public sale, a description of which will be found in another column. Mr. Rahn was engaged with the Ironbridge Hatters' Association during the life of that enterprise, and it is probable he will work at the hatters' trade when he removes to the city.

### Open Your Windows at Night.

An extraordinary fallacy is the dread of night air. What air can we breathe at night but night air? The choice is between pure night air from without and foul air from within. Most people prefer the latter—an unaccountable choice. What will they say if it is proved to be true that fully one-half of all the diseases we suffer from are occasioned by people sleeping with their windows shut? An open window most nights in the year can never hurt anyone. In great cities night air is often the best and purest to be had in twenty-four hours. One could better understand shutting the windows in town during the day than during the night for the sake of the sick. The absence of smoke, the quiet, all tend to make the night the best time for airing the patient. One of our highest medical authorities on consumption and climate has said that the air of London is never so good as after ten o'clock at night. Always air your room then, from the outside air, if possible. Windows are made to open, doors are made to shut—a truth which

seems extremely difficult of apprehension. Every room must be aired from without, every passage from within.

### Another Heavy Rain.

The rainfall of last Friday night was heavy in this section, but early Friday evening a regular deluge visited sections of Lower Providence, Worcester and Norristown townships, while in this locality the rainfall was light. Friday evening Skippack creek was suddenly converted into a raging torrent. Other streams in the sections mentioned were likewise greatly swollen, and at many places the roads were washed to such an extent as to render them unsafe for travel.

### Anticipating Death.

Mrs. Elizabeth Pennypacker, a well-known Phoenixville lady, has recently had erected in the burial ground of Brownback's church, Chester county, a beautiful and costly cottage marble monument, twelve feet high with a base of 4½ feet square. She has had her name and date of birth inscribed on the monument, and at her death the unfilled space will be occupied by the time and age. Mrs. Pennypacker, though 80 years of age, is enjoying comparatively good health. The custom of having gravestones and monuments made and put up before death seems to be growing in favor.

### On the Campus.

Though a deluge ruled the night before, the Sunday school of St. Luke's Reformed church, Trappe, passed an enjoyable day on the college campus, Saturday, picnic fashion. The attendance was fair and the various modes of seeking pleasure resulted in all having a good time. The occasion was considerably enlivened by excellent music by the Pottstown Cornet Band, under the leadership of D. Chester Coar. The proceeds from the sale of ice cream and confectionery proved to be quite satisfactory, and altogether the picnic was a success.

### Passed Away.

John Dietrich died at his residence, near Collegeville, last Saturday morning, aged 77 years. Death was caused by an affection of the liver. Deceased, who was a kind-hearted husband and father, and a most genial neighbor, leaves two daughters—Mrs. Clamer, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. George Yeagle, of near this place, and one son, John Dietrich, Jr., of Philadelphia. The funeral was held Tuesday forenoon. Rev. Mr. Kretschmann conducted the religious exercises and undertaker Shuler had charge of the remains. Interment was made in the Lutheran church cemetery, Trappe.

### Killed by a Bursting Milk Separator.

A fatal accident occurred at the Kimberton Creamery, near Kimberton, Chester county, Monday morning, caused by the bursting of a rapidly revolving milk and cream separator. The shattering of the machine threw fragments of iron with terrible force in all directions, killing Arnold Francis, owner of the creamery, and a young man of about 19 years, named Keim, who was badly injured that he died soon afterward. The body of Francis, who was a single man, was much torn and mangled. A person named Miller was slightly hurt. Justice Howell, of Phoenixville, held an inquest. The separator is supposed to have been defective.

### Summer Visitors.

The number of visitors to this locality in quest of pleasure and recreation does not appear to be as large at this time as has been usual during previous summer seasons, although the patrons of the various resorts are increasing almost daily. In addition to Prospect Terrace, Glenwood, and Perkiomen Bridge Hotel, a number of private residences are receiving guests from abroad. There is only one reason why this section of the country should not be one of the leading rural resorts for Philadelphians in Eastern Pennsylvania, viz: inferior railroad facilities. If Collegeville had the advantage of additional rapid through trains from Philadelphia during the summer season, this locality would soon acquire much prominence and popularity as a summer resort. Under the present railroad facilities, several trips from Philadelphia to Collegeville, will serve Philadelphians, accustomed to rapid transit, a lifetime. In some instances one trip is a sufficient dose.

### Heart Failure.

The American Analysis thinks it would be an excellent idea if physicians of the present day would invent some other reason for about all the deaths which occur nowadays than the heart failure. It is difficult for any one conversant with the organs of the human body to understand how any human being can die without heart failure, while the causes of the failure of the heart at death may be very numerous. This might not be of serious moment were it not for the fact that hundreds of people are being nearly frightened to death by the constant use of the cause for sudden deaths, and many people who are sick, and necessarily have some heart symptoms, are kept in constant terror by reading or hearing in other ways of death after death by heart failure. It would be well if physicians who are too indolent or too ignorant to search out the disease lying back of the heart failure to consider how much harm they are doing the community, and if they cannot correct the habit, newspapers and the public should avoid giving currency to unfounded and dangerous phrases. There are probably no more deaths from heart failure in these times than heretofore, but a new cause for death has been coined, and the nervous and timid are being severely injured by it. —Scientific American.

### An Honest Man, Sure.

PHILADELPHIA, July 20.—Joseph Battin, now a millionaire, of Elizabeth, N. J., who years ago failed in the grocery business here, has long been looking for his creditors who lost by his insolvency. He wanted to pay them now as a matter of honor, there being no legal obligation upon him to do it. He knew that Robert K. Neff, a Delaware avenue commission merchant, was one of his creditors and through the latter he found Edward H. Rowley, who, at the time of the failure, was with Allibone & Trouant, another commission firm and remembered that they had held a note for nearly \$900 against Mr. Battin. The firm is out of existence, but Mr. Battin sent a check for \$3,000 to Mr. Allibone's heirs.

### St. Luke's Church, Trappe.

The Consistory at a meeting held Tuesday evening, July 16, examined a number of witnesses and passed the following resolution:

"Reports affecting the character of the Rev. J. B. Shumaker, D. D., having been circulated, the Consistory of St. Luke's church, of which he is the pastor, after an investigation into the facts, find, as the result of the evidence, that while Dr. Shumaker was not sufficiently guarded in his visitations, there is not sufficient ground upon which to formulate a charge against him. The case is therefore dismissed."

Dr. Shumaker handed in his resignation, which was received subject to the action of Philadelphia classis.

Preaching next Sunday morning at 10 o'clock by Albert S. Bromer, of Schwenksville.

### Personal.

Mrs. James Pyatt, of Devon, Chester county, is visiting Mr. Edward Paist and family, this place.

Miss Della Garber, of Philadelphia, is the guest of Miss Flora Lachman, this place.

Mr. Nicolas H. McGuire, of Philadelphia, is registered at Gross' hotel, where he expects to remain several weeks. Mr. McGuire was a frequent visitor to this section of the county thirty years ago, and some of his old time friends are very happy to greet him again.

Dr. B. F. Place will start on a trip to Boston to-morrow. He will take passage on the steamer Spartan from Philadelphia. The Dr. is not on a wedding tour this time, yet we hope he will have a great time nevertheless.

Frank and Harry Gristock, sons of Wm. Gristock, this place, left Tuesday morning on a trip to Washington, D. C., in company with their aunt, Miss Annie Gristock, of Philadelphia.

Mrs. Harry S. Long, of West Point, Virginia, has been visiting relatives and friends in this section the past two weeks. Mrs. Long will start homeward from Norristown to-day.

Mr. E. J. Gayner and wife of Salem, N. J., are visitors at the editor's domicile, this week.

Rev. O. P. Smith and wife, of Pottstown, are visiting Mr. F. M. Hobson and family, this place, at present.

Rev. S. M. Hench, of Walkersville, Md., is spending his vacation at the residence of his father-in-law, J. K. Beaver, Trappe. He favored this office with a pleasant call yesterday.

### FROM GRATER'S FORD.

The children of Benj. Isett, at this place, have been afflicted for several weeks past with pink-eye, one of them being so bad as to be scarcely able to see. They are now on a fair way to recover.

Our townsman, M. S. Moyer, has been appointed principal of the grammar school at Trappe, a position which Mr. Moyer is aptly qualified to hold.

Mrs. John Miller, of Philadelphia, formerly of this place, spent the past week visiting friends and relatives in this place.

On Tuesday afternoon last Mrs. Tyson, an aged lady of Ironbridge, had a cheese tumor about the size of a hen's egg removed from her scalp. The operation was performed by Dr. C. W. Everhart.

Henry L. Bergey, of this place, who did service in the late civil war, as wagoner in Company C, 90th Penna. Volunteers, received through pension agent Schall, at Norristown, back pension for services and sickness contracted while in the army.

Henry W. Swartley sprained his ankle badly last week. He was compelled to use a cane for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Fritz, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday at the home of John B. Landis.

Mrs. Warren Koons, of Allentown, spent several days at the home of her mother, Mrs. Ashenfelter.

Misses Price and Wells were the guests of Miss Emma Kulp on Sunday last.

Miss Stella Landis, of Philadelphia, spent several weeks visiting relatives and friends in this vicinity. She returned on Monday last.

### PUBLIC SALE OF

### Personal Property.

Will be sold at public sale, on SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, at the residence of the subscriber, Ironbridge, the following personal property:—Sideboard, corner cupboard, bedstead, sink, set, tea, 1 cook stove (one Farmer & Son, one American) and pipe, parlor stove, drum, caddy, high chair, scythe, rakes, grubbing hoe, garden hose, shovels, iron kettle, half hoghead, crock tub, hand cart, wheelbarrow, small express, cord of oak wood cut ready for the stove, lot of barrels, hand saw, mason hammer; one hog, weighs about 250 pounds; new ladder, 9 ft.; lot of empty boxes and barrels. Sale at 1 o'clock. Conditions by H. B. RAHN.

L. H. Ingram, auct.

## SUMMER MEETING COLLEGEVILLE DRIVING PARK!

The Summer Meeting for Speed Contests will be held at the COLLEGEVILLE DRIVING PARK, on

SATURDAY, AUG. 3, '89.

The Races will be divided into Five Classes, as follows: 4.00, 3.30, 3.15, 3.00 and 2.50, best three in five. The 3.15 race will be against time, the horses trotting or pacing the horses closest to the time mentioned will be the winners of the race. There will also be a

### RUNNING RACE.

With the world against Dollie M.

Entries will close at 10 o'clock on the day of the races. A small entrance fee will be charged for the benefit of the winners. Those who desire to enter either of the classes above specified should communicate with the undersigned as soon as practicable.

All teams, not entered in the races or driven by keyholders, will be charged an admission of 25 cents to the park, and have the privilege of using the track after the races.

Everybody is invited to visit the Park, Saturday, August 3. Come and bring your friends with you, and don't forget the ladies. Everything will be done decently and in order, and every effort will be made to make the day an interesting one to all.

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ESTATE NOTICE!

Estate of Daniel Harley, late of Upper Providence township, Montgomery county, deceased. Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary upon said estate have been granted to the undersigned, and that all persons indebted to the same are requested to make prompt settlement, and those having claims against said estate will present them duly authenticated for settlement to JOHN HARLEY, Administrators. JOEL HARLEY, Trappe, Pa.

ESTATE NOTICE!

Estate of Henry G. Schwenk, late of Lower Providence township, Montgomery county, deceased. Letters of administration on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having legal claims to present the same without delay to LYDIA SCHWENK, Administratrix, Collegeville, Pa. 11j

Or her attorney, J. A. Strassburger, Norristown, Pa.

POLITICAL.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER.

Edwin S. Stahlnecker, OF NORRISTOWN. Subject to Republican rules. 43j

FOR SHERIFF.

A. H. Brower, OF LOWER PROVIDENCE. Subject to Republican rules. 181j

FOR SHERIFF.

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Will be sold at public sale on MONDAY, JULY 29, '89, at Perkiomen Bridge Hotel, 20 fresh cows from Western Pennsylvania. They are a lot of finely shaped cows, big bays, and extra milkers—just the kind to suit this market. Sale at 2 o'clock. Conditions by J. H. ALLEBAUGH.

J. G. Fetterolf, auct. I. H. Johnson, clerk.

## PUBLIC SALE OF FRESH COWS!

Will be sold at public sale, on FRIDAY, JULY 26, '89, at the residence of the subscriber, 20 head of fresh cows and springers from Lebanon and Lancaster counties. This is an excellent stock, selected with care. Sale to commence at 2 o'clock. Conditions by SILAS W. FISHER.

J. G. Fetterolf, auct. C. U. Bean, clerk.

## PUBLIC SALE OF FRESH COWS!

Will be sold at public sale on THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, '89, at Reiff's hotel, Ironbridge, 30 fresh cows, with calves, direct from Virginia, where the superior with care selected a lot of first-rate cows. Come to the sale and judge for yourselves. Sale at 2 o'clock. Conditions by JOHN G. STAUFFER.

I. H. Johnson, clerk.

## NOTICE!

Gardeners and blackberry pickers are forbidden to trespass on the premises of the undersigned, in Lower Providence township. All offenders will be dealt with according to law. HORACE ASHENFELTER.

## TRESPASS NOTICE!

I hereby warn blackberry pickers not to trespass upon my premises. I will deal with all offenders according to law. CALVIN BURLEY, Lower Providence, Pa. 181j

## FIRE TAX NOTICE!

Notice is hereby given to members of the Perkiomen Valley Mutual Fire and Storm Insurance Company of Montgomery County, that on June 24th, 1889, the Board of Managers of said Company assessed a tax of One Dollar on each One Thousand Dollars of insurance, and are insured to pay losses recently sustained by members. Pay will be made to the same persons who have heretofore acted as collectors, or to the Secretary at his office at Collegeville, Pa. Extract from the Charter.—"And if any member of the Company shall refuse or neglect to pay his or her assessments within 40 days after the assessment of the same, 30 per cent. of the assessment will be added thereto; and if payment be delayed for 50 days longer, then his, her, or their policy shall become suspended until payment shall have been made." A. D. FETTEROLF, Secretary. Collegeville, June 25, 1889. 41j

## FIRE! FIRE!—NOTICE!

The members of the Union Mutual Fire and Storm Insurance Company are hereby notified that a contribution has been levied on May 13, 1889, on each policy, equal to premium thereon, and that Andrew Supplee, Treasurer of said Company, will attend at the office of the Company, 200 North Second Street, Norristown, Pa., on the 20th of June, to receive said assessment.

The 40 days' time for payment of said tax will expire on June 1st, 1889.

Persons sending money by mail must accompany it with postage for return of receipt.

ANDREW SUPPLEE, Treasurer. June 1, 1889. 61j

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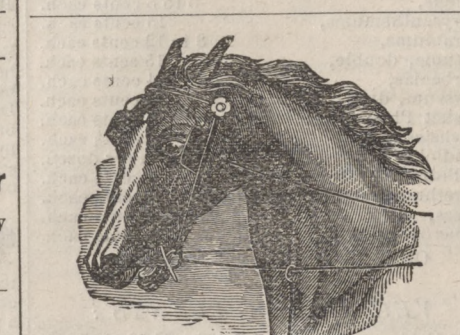
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#### Department of Agriculture.

##### NOTES ABOUT THE FARM.

Whatever may be written in favor of  
preventing failure in dairying, the  
greatest mistake made by dairymen is  
that of buying their fresh cows instead  
of raising them on the farm. The  
dairymen does not wait as patiently  
for the calf to grow as he does for his  
crops to mature, and when a choice  
cow becomes dry she is sent to the  
shambles, and a new one, fresh, with a  
calf by her side, is procured as a sub-  
stitute. The yearly introduction of  
cows into the herd from other localities  
has brought disease also, although  
each animal may have been apparently  
in excellent health when purchased. It  
is safe to assert that no dairymen has  
ever been cursed with that scourge—  
abortion—in his herd if he has not  
bought cows from other points. Where  
the cows have been raised on the farm  
they have been bred from selected  
stock, not only for yield of milk and  
butter, but also for hardiness and free-  
dom from disease; but when a cow is  
bought from another point to be added  
to the herd the only quality required is  
that she is fresh, and recently calved.  
It is well known that the most expert  
dairymen will fail in his judgment of  
the milk and butter qualities of a cow  
until he has tested her at the pail, and  
there is always more or less risk of  
procuring a very undesirable animal.

It requires two or three years to pro-  
cure a fresh cow by breeding for her  
on the farm, which prompts the dairy-  
man to buy his cows; but that it is  
more economical to raise them is easily  
demonstrated, provided the stock is  
graded up to a higher standard of ex-  
cellence by the use of thoroughbred  
males. The greatest loss of time is  
during the period of growth, but after  
the heifer comes in she will, in a short  
time not only give a quantity of milk  
and butter equal to the animal that  
preceded her, but will reimburse the  
dairymen for the time lost before she  
became remunerative. It is not so  
much a matter of feeding, although  
feeding is important, as it is to secure  
the largest yield possible, for in dairy-  
ing an extra quart per day may turn a  
loss into a profit. When the thrift of  
the flock is also considered the home-  
bred cows are always in the majority.

As long as cows are purchased in-  
stead of being bred, no improvement  
is possible. It is a good average if  
every cow in a herd will yield seven  
quarts of milk every day in the year,  
and this average is greatly lessened  
where cows are annually purchased to  
replace those that dry off; but the  
records of some of the noted cows of  
the pure breeds show that it is possi-  
ble to obtain over forty quarts of milk  
per day, while one cow is said to have  
produced nearly seven pounds of but-  
ter per day for one week. These facts  
demonstrate that if the dairymen will  
grade up his cows their yield of milk  
may be greatly increased, and that  
many of the failures in dairying are  
due to the omission of the dairymen to  
raise his own cows, and to raise them  
from his choicest animals.—Ex.

##### RULES FOR CURING DAIRY SKINS.

Slit the skin from the brisket to the  
jaw, and skin down each side enough  
so that the throat can be cut without  
cutting the skin crosswise, as in this  
way the cheek of the skin is saved,  
while, if it is cut in the least across the  
throat, the head is worthless. Slit the  
skin from the brisket to the tail.

Cut around the foot close to the  
hoof, and slit the legs from the hoof to  
the belly, taking care in slitting the  
leg to commence between the duclos  
and slit directly over the gambrel, so  
that the leg, when skinned, will lie flat  
instead of leaving a pocket which can-  
not be finished into leather.

Skin the head and legs carefully.  
Commencing at the head, so as to avoid  
cutting or scoring at the butt, near the  
tail, draw or flit off the skin without  
any further use of the knife, thereby  
avoiding those holes, cuts and scratches  
which injure the skin. Some farmers  
use a windlass to draw off their dairy  
skins, others a horse, but two men (one  
stout man can do it) can pull off a skin  
very quickly.

As soon as taken off lay the skin flat  
upon the floor in a good place where  
the sun does not shine upon it, and  
cover it with a good coating of fine or  
coarse-line salt. Coarse will do, but is  
not as good. Don't roll up the skin.  
Don't dry it, but let it remain green,  
and when you take off the next place  
flat upon the first, salting as before.  
Pile skin on skin in this way, and when  
ready to sell you will find them in nice  
condition, and worth from five to fif-  
teen cents more than the same skins  
would have been if poorly taken off  
and cared for.

What the skin does not require will  
shake off when you sell your lot, and  
answer just as well for the next skins  
you take off. Skins should not be in  
warm weather, even when carefully put  
down as above directed, lie in salt over  
thirty days without handling, so as to

##### SUGGESTIONS ABOUT SHEEP.

Sheep-keeping is a nice industry, and  
when you can get an average of a  
lamb and a half, or occasionally two  
lambs, per ewe, very profitable. There  
will be in every flock some sheep less  
thrifty than others. These are hustled  
about and crowded away from their  
food, and should certainly be put by  
themselves and given extra food and  
care. In the fall, to avoid loss, the  
flock must be carefully examined, and  
those too old—whose teeth are loosen-  
ing—fatted, if need be, for market.  
Sometimes one or two sheep will be  
very unruly; get rid of these as soon  
as possible. Again, there will be one,  
two or three that will bleat, and stir up  
the whole flock every time you come  
in sight or bearing. These are a great  
nuisance; weed them out for your  
comfort and pleasure, as well as that  
of the flock.—New York Tribune.

##### NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS.

In pursuance of an act of Assembly approved  
March 17th, 1888, and supplementary acts  
thereto, the Treasurer of Montgomery County  
will meet the tax-payers of said county, at the  
following named times and places, for the pur-  
pose of receiving the State and County Taxes  
for the year 1889, assessed in their respective  
districts, viz:

Township of Perkiomen, at the public house  
of David H. Bean, Thursday, July 25, from 9  
to 3.  
Township of Skippack, at the public house of  
Michael S. Croll, Friday, July 26, from 9 to 3.  
Borough of Lansdale, at the public house of  
Abr. G. Freed, Saturday, July 27, from 9 to 3.  
Township of Franconia, at the public house of  
Gideon N. Nyce, Monday, July 29, from 9 to 3.  
Borough of Souderton, at the public house of  
Wm. H. Freed, Tuesday, July 30, from 9 to 12.  
Township of Hatfield, at the public house of  
Jas. H. Carver, Tuesday, July 30, from 1 to 3.  
Township of Towamencin, at the public house  
of A. S. Bickel, Wednesday, July 31, from 10  
to 3.  
Borough of Hathor, at the public house of  
John B. Jones, Thursday, Aug. 1, from 10 to 3.  
Township of Moreland, Lower District, at the  
public house of Louis A. Schuck, Friday, Aug.  
2, from 8 to 12.  
Township of Moreland, Upper District, at the  
public house of John C. Hobensack, Friday,  
Aug. 2, from 1 to 4.  
Township of Abington, at the public house of  
George Herrman, Saturday, Aug. 3, from 10 to 4.  
Borough of Jenkintown, at the public house  
of G. F. Cottman, Wednesday, Aug. 7, from 10  
to 3.  
Township of Cheltenham, at the public house  
of Benj. C. DuBree, Thursday, Aug. 8, from 8  
to 3.

Taxes will be received at the County Treas-  
urer's office from June 3 to September 15, from  
8 1/2 to 12 a. m., and from 1 to 3 p. m.

Correspondence to receive attention must be  
accompanied by postage for reply, and in all  
cases location of property must be definitely  
given.

Inquiries relative to taxes, received after Sep-  
tember 10, will not be answered.

Taxes not paid to the County Treasurer on or  
before the 15th day of September, 1889, will  
be given into the hands of the collector, when 5  
per cent. will be added for collection, as per act  
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